I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the

Dated: 13-4

Signature:

hell

Docket No.: 47171-00283USPT Customer No. 30223

(PATENT)

JAN 2 0 2004

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

John E. Jones

Application No.: 09/829724

0/829724 Confirmation No.: 8425

Filed: April 10, 2001

Art Unit: 2876

For:

REMOTE AUTOMATED DOCUMENT

PROCESSING SYSTEM

Examiner: A. Nowlin

(Carol Mitchell)

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date, OR more than three months after the date of entry of the national stage of a PCT application, AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs first, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (37 CFR 1.97(c)).

I hereby certify that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in Application No.: 09/829724 Docket No.: 47171-00283USPT

Customer No. 30223

37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

A copy of each reference on PTO/SB/08 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 10-0447, under Order No. 47171-

00283USPT. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed

Dated: January 12, 2004

Respectfy/llx/subnylitted,

Andre M. Szuwalski

Registration No.: \$5,701

JENKENS & GILCHRIST, A PROFESSIONAL

CORPORATION

1445 Ross Avenue Suite 3200

Dallas, Texas 75202

(214) 855-4500

(214) 855-4300 (Fax)



JAN 2 0 2004

PTO/SB/08a/b (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO				quired to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control nur  Complete If Known		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE				Application Number	09/829724	
				Filing Date	April 10, 2001	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT			APPLICANT	First Named Inventor	John E. Jones	
				Art Unit	2876	
	(Use as many sheets as necessary)			Examiner Name	A. Nowlin	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	47171-00283USPT	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number Publication Date Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> ( if known)		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
	AA	US-4,960,981	10-02-1990	Benton et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document  Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>9</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
						Г

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patient Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²		

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Examiner	<del></del> -	Date	
Signature		Considered	

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.